

## ***Appendix A*** ***Typical Park Maintenance Standards***

### Turf Care

*Ballfields and playground areas:* Cut grass once every five working days. Reseed when bare spots are present. Practice weed control when weeds present a visible problem cover 5% of the turf surface. Some pre-emergent products may be utilized.

*Low use areas:* Cut once every ten working days. Normally, do not aerated unless turf quality indicates a need or in anticipation of an application of fertilizer. Re-seed only when bare spots appear. Use weed control measures only when 50% of the small areas are weed infested or general turf quality is low in 15% or more of the surface area.

*Fertilizer:* Apply only when turf vigor seems low. Perform low-level application on a once per year basis.

### Litter Control

At a minimum, pick up two to three times per week. High use may dictate daily service during warm season.

### Pruning

Prune when required for health or reasonable appearance. With most tree and shrub species, this would not be more frequent than once every two to three years.

### Disease and Insect Control

Perform only on an epidemic or serious complaint basis. Control measures may be put into effect when health or survival of the plant material is threatened or where the public's comfort is concerned.

### Snow Removal

Remove snow on park roads only, generally accomplished by the day following snowfall.

### Lighting

Replace or repair fixture when a report is filed or when noticed by employees.

### Surfaces

Clean high use areas two to three times per week. Repair or replace all surfaces when appearance has noticeably deteriorated.

Repairs

Perform repairs whenever safety or function is in question.

Inspections

Perform daily for high use areas, weekly for other areas.

Floral Planting

In general, plant only perennials or flowering trees and shrubs. Annuals should be planted only if maintained by volunteers.

Restrooms

Service a minimum of five times per week, but seldom more than once per day unless otherwise dictated by use.